



ALABAMA  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION  
THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

468 S. Perry Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900  
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**1. Name of Property:**

Historic Name: Ft. McDERMOTT CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK  
Common Name: Ft. McDERMOTT  
Preferred name for Certificate: ☒ Historic Name or ☐ Common Name

**2. Location:**

Address: SPANISH MAIN  
City: SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA  
State: Alabama County: BALDWIN Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within the city limits? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ USGS Quad Map: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Owner of Property:**

Name: RAPHAEL SEMMES CAMP II, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
Address: 1211 GOVERNMENT STREET  
City: MOBILE State: ALABAMA Zip: 36604  
Telephone: (251) 421-0491  
Email: dupreesite@aol.com  
Does the owner consent to nominating this property? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**4. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation (if different from the owner):**

Name: A.J. Dupree MEMORIALS CHAIRMAN  
Address: 800 REGENTS DRIVE EAST  
City: MOBILE State: ALABAMA Zip: 36609  
Telephone: (251) 421-0491  
Email: dupreesite@aol.com

**5. Geographical Data (acreage of nominated property):** Approx 3 ACRES

**6. Date of Construction:** 1864

Source of Date: Notes FROM GENERAL DARNEY MAURY, CSA

**7. Date(s) of Alterations:** —

Source of Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Physical Description

EARTHENWORKS FORT - NO STRUCTURES

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Architect/Builder: _____  |  |
| Contractor: _____   |  |
| Original Owner / Dates of Occupancy:<br>1864  |  |
| Subsequent Owners / Dates of Occupancy:<br>Fuller Bros. REALTY  |  |
| Physical Condition:<br>(excellent, good, fair, poor, ruinous)   |  |
| Remaining Historic Fabric:<br>(high, medium, low) EXCELLENT EARTHWORKS  |  |
| Historic Use of Property:<br>DEFENSE OF MOBILE, ALABAMA - CONFEDERATE   |  |
| Current Use of Property:<br>PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC  |  |
| Number of Stories: _____  |  |
| Exterior Historic Construction Material(s):<br>(brick, concrete, log, metal, stone, stucco, wood-frame, other.) _____         |  |
| Current Exterior Covering:<br>(asbestos, brick, concrete, log, metal, stone, stucco, vinyl, wood-frame, other.) _____         |  |
| Roof Configuration: _____<br>(gable, flat, hip, mansard, pyramidal, shed.)  |  |
| Roof Finish Materials: _____<br>(asphalt, built-up, composite, metal, slate, tar, tile, wood, other, or unknown).             |  |
| Foundation Material: _____<br>(brick, concrete block, poured concrete, stone, wood, other or unknown).                        |  |
| Window Type: _____<br>(awning, casement, double hung, fixed, hopper, and jalousie)<br>Materials: (metal, synthetic, and wood) |  |
| Interior Materials: _____<br>(finishes, walls, ceiling, floors, etc.)   |  |
| Interior Detail: _____<br>(stairs, fireplaces, mantels, doors, molding, built-in furniture, etc.)                             |  |
| Number and Type of all Outbuildings:<br>(barn, garage, gazebo/summerhouse, shed, storm shelter.) _____                        |  |
| General Character and surroundings:<br>(rural, small town, commercial area, urban, etc.)<br>SUBURBAN                          |  |

## 9. History (please use additional sheets when necessary)

Please provide a history of the property. The history should include how the property developed over time, how the property was/is used, information about the people who lived/worked there, and any significant events or activities that happened there.

SEE ATTACHED BROCHURE

## 10. Bibliographical Reference

Please provide a list of sources you consulted to find historical information.

CONFEDERATE MOBILE, ARTHUR W. BERGERON, J.C., 1991, LOUISIANA STATE UNIV. PRESS  
MEMOIRS/REPORTS OF GEN. DABNEY MAURY, RANDALL GIBSON, CSA

## **11. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN**

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

ATTACHED

## **12. Attach a map showing the location of the property.**

You can use [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps)

## **13. PHOTOGRAPHS:**

ATTACHED

Images are essential to the review process. Submit current, good quality digital images on a CD/DVD. Interior and exterior photos are required. Good quality 4" x 6" photos will be accepted, but do NOT staple or tape photographs. All images will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

INCLUDED

## **14. REMINDER:**

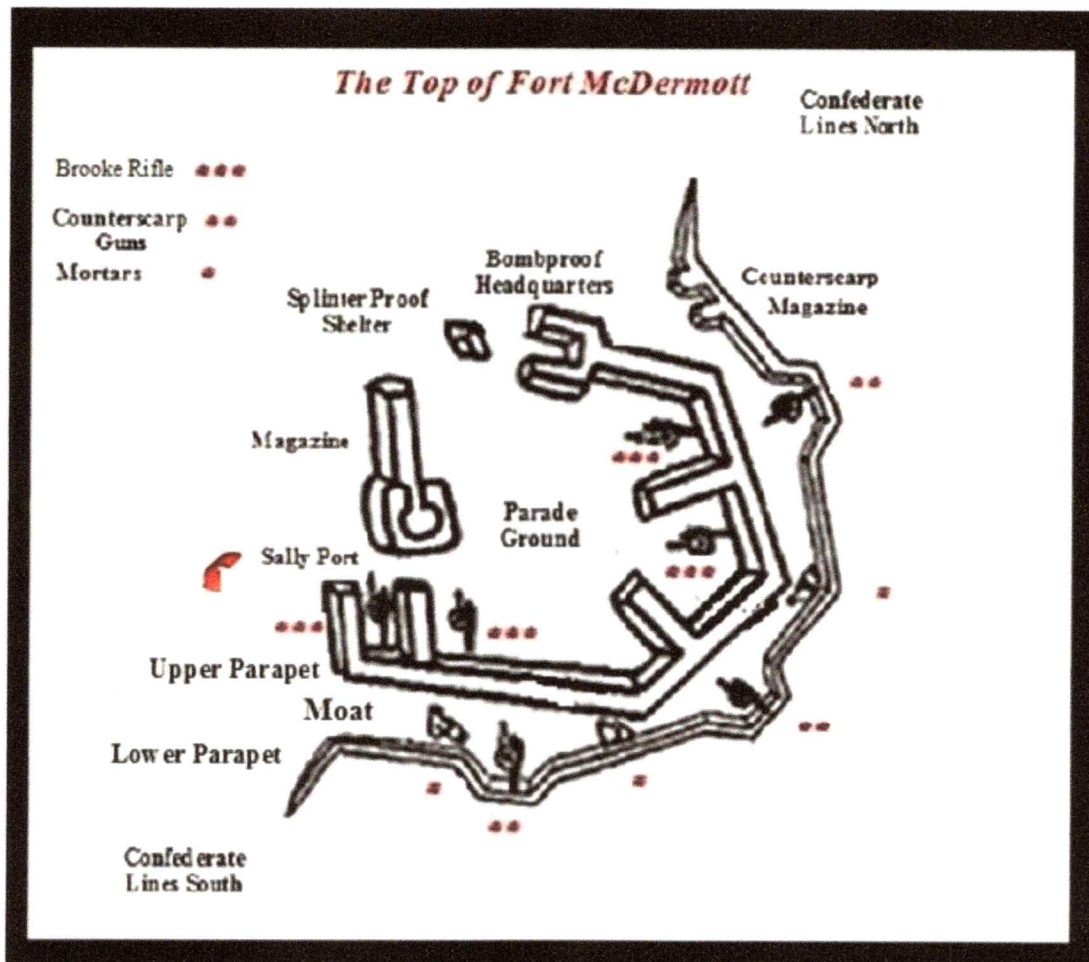
Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 11, 12, and 13 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission  
Attn: Hannah Garmon  
468 S. Perry Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

For additional questions contact  
Hannah Garmon at 334-230-2644 or [Hannah.Garmon@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Hannah.Garmon@ahc.alabama.gov)

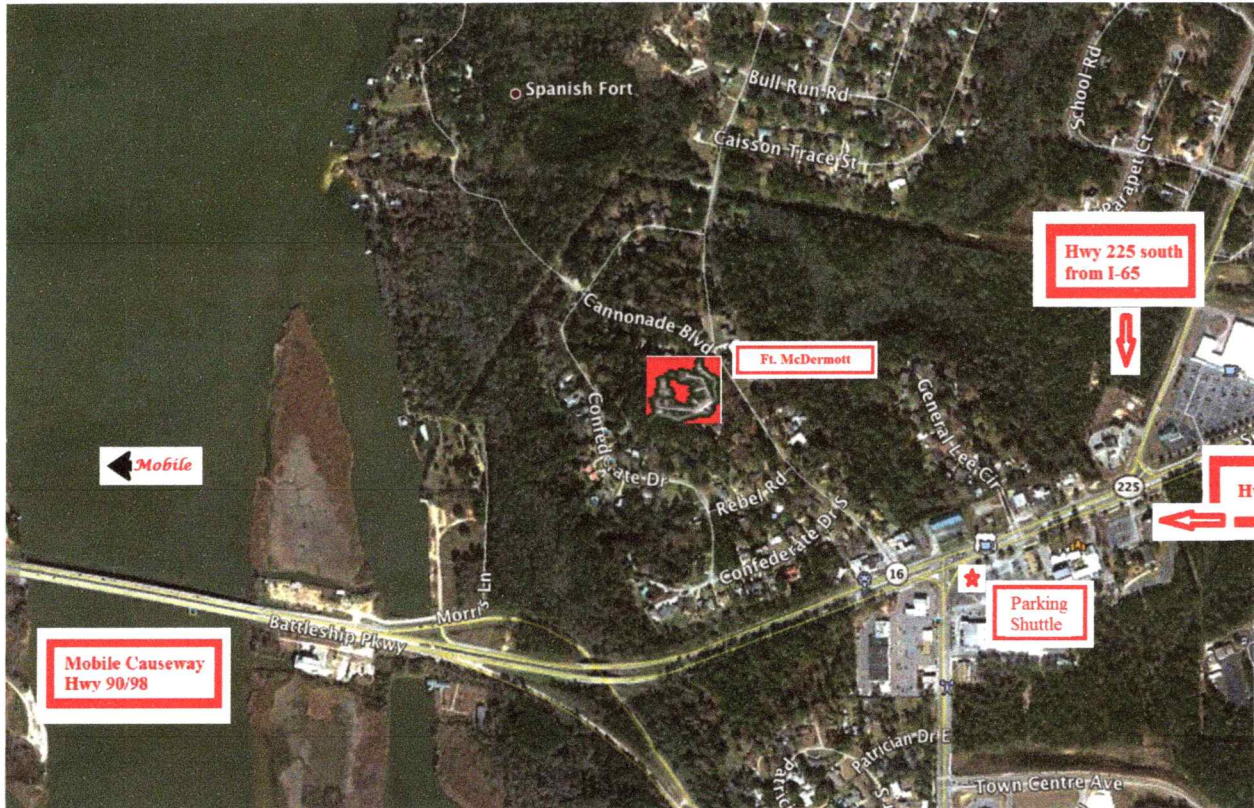


Item 11



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**Site Directions**  
***Ft. McDermott ~ Spanish Fort, Alabama***





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April 3, 2018

AJ Dupree  
Memorials Chairman  
800 Regents Drive East  
Mobile, AL 36609

**RE: Fort McDermott Confederate Memorial Park**  
**Listed Date: March 29, 2018**

Dear Mr. Dupree:

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The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. These selected Alabama landmarks are worthy of both recognition and preservation. Listing on the state register is an honorary designation imposing no benefits or restrictions on property owners.

The Alabama Historical Commission sponsors a historical marker and plaque program to recognize properties that contribute to the unique history of Alabama. Properties that have been listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage are eligible to purchase a historical marker through this office. Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing a marker or plaque for this historic property.

For additional information on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register and other programs offered by the Alabama Historical Commission, please contact me or visit our website at [www.ahc.alabama.gov](http://www.ahc.alabama.gov).

The Alabama Historical Commission appreciates your efforts to preserve Alabama's historic resources. I wish you much success in all endeavors and look forward to working with you on future preservation projects.

Very truly yours,

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c: Baldwin County Commission  
Baldwin County Department of Archives and History  
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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST  
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Building name: Fort McDermott

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application: ☐ HRTC ☒ AR ☐ Section 106 ☐ NR ☐ Ad Valorem

For HRTC and Section 106:

- ☐ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)  
☐ Located in existing National Register (NR) historic district  
    ☐ Contributing resource ☐ Non-contributing resource  
☐ Individually eligible  
☐ Contributing resource in potential NR historic district  
☒ Not eligible for NRHP

Criteria for Evaluation:

☒ A Events/History ☐ B Persons ☐ C Architecture ☒ D Archaeology

Aspects of Integrity:

☒ Location ☒ Workmanship  
☒ Design ☒ Feeling  
☒ Setting ☒ Association  
☒ Materials ☒ Intact strata

Application:

☒ Sufficient physical description ☒ Sufficient description of past use/land disturbance  
☒ Sufficient history  
☒ Sufficient argument for meeting NRHP/ARLH criteria

Decision:

☐ Additional information is required to make a determination:  
☒ This property is eligible for the NRHP/ARLH:  
☐ This property is not eligible for the NRHP/ARLH because:



# ALABAMA REGISTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2018

10:00 am

## AGENDA

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### CALL TO ORDER

### NOMINATIONS

#### **Oxford Historic District**

Oxford, Calhoun County

POS 1875-1978

Criteria A: Commerce

Criteria C: Architecture

19 contributing; 7 non-contributing

#### **Alpine Baptist Church**

Alpine, Talladega County

1871

Criteria A: Religion

Criteria C: Architecture

3 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Camp Fletcher**

McCalla, Jefferson County

1926

Criteria A: Ethnic Heritage

Criteria B: Pauline Fletcher

Criteria C: Architecture

9 contributing; 9 non-contributing

#### **Fort McDermott**

Spanish Fort, Baldwin County

1864

Criteria A: Military History

Criteria D: Archeology

1 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Elba Theatre**

Elba, Coffee County

1933; 1946; & 1953

Criteria A: Social History; Theater

1 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Reeves Grove Baptist Church & Cemetery**

Steele, St. Clair County

1872

Criteria A: Religion; Funerary Art

Criteria C: Architecture

2 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Hardy Homeplace**

West Greene, Greene County

1886

Criteria A: Agriculture

Criteria C: Architecture

3 contributing; 0 non-contributing

# AHC Staff Alabama Register Checklist

Date Received: 01-16-17

Building name: FT. McDermott

Street address: Spanish Fort

County: Baldwin

## Application Contains:

- ☒ Property information
- ☒ Floor plan & Site plan
- ☒ Physical description
- ☒ History
- ☒ Bibliography and geographical data
- ☒ Photographs

Category: ☐ Building ☐ District ☐ Structure ☒ Site ☐ Object

Date of Construction: 1864

Alteration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian           | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
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Comments:

AHC Reviewer: Marabeth Holman Date: 01-16-18



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**RE: Fort McDermott Confederate Memorial Park**

Dear Mr. DuPree:

It is my pleasure to present to you the certificate for the above referenced property in honor of its listing in the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving Alabama's historic resources.

Best Regards,

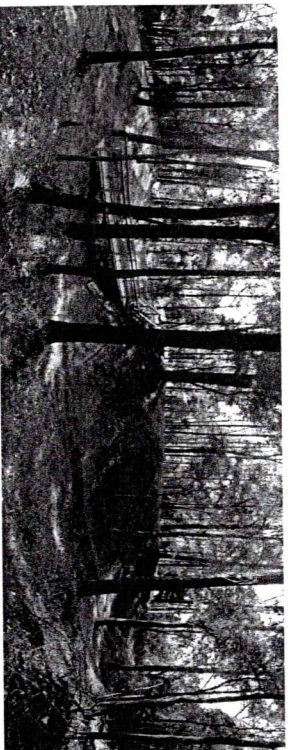
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Enclosure



# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT



**FORT MCDERMOTT**

LOCATED IN BALDWIN COUNTY WAS LISTED ON

**MARCH 29, 2018**

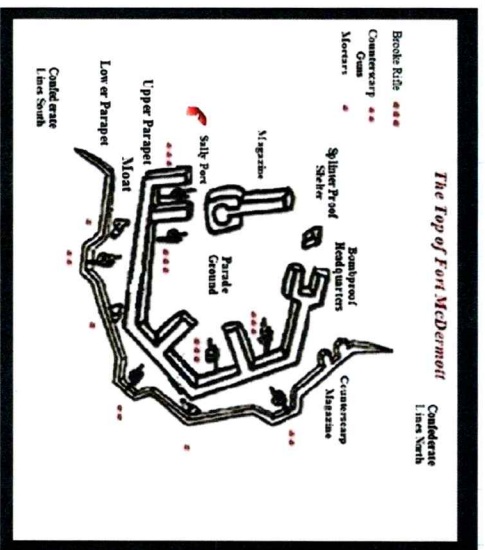


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*Kay Ivey*  
GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA  
*David L. Jones*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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## The Layout of Ft. McDermott

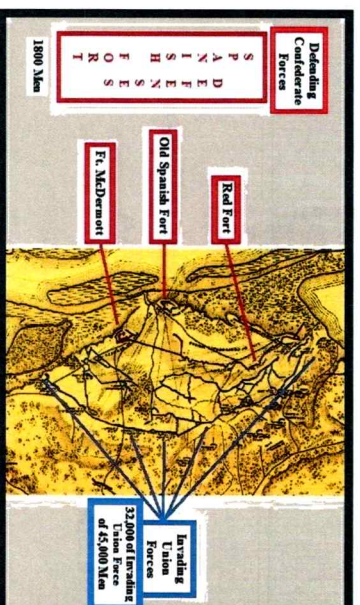


The bridge we have erected over the Moat from the Lower to the Upper Parapet is located over the "Counterscarp Gun" position to the upper right on the Layout. There were numerous smaller artillery and mortar weapons mounted behind the rise of the Lower Parapet. Today the indentations where they were located can still be seen just as the larger artillery positions are evident in the Upper Parapet.

The Parade Ground embraced by the Upper Parapet once contained a "bombproof" bunker which was destroyed by the invaders' artillery bombardment. Our troops would come and go from the top of the Fort through the Sally Port, shown to the left on the Layout, just below the Magazine.

During the War, all trees 900 feet down from the top of the Fort had been clear cut providing an unobstructed view to the Delta.

## Array of Defending and Invading Forces



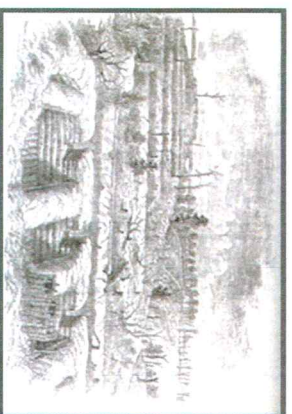
Spanish Fort Confederate Defensive Forces totaled 1810 Men ... 195 of them manned Ft. McDermott.

Invading Union Forces totaled approximately 45,000 men with 32,000 of them against Spanish Fort of which 20,000 were arrayed against Ft. McDermott itself. Northern Union forces besieged Spanish Fort from March 27 ~ April 8, 1865, and bombarded our Defenders with 90 Cannon and Siege Mortars.

Fort McDermott was evacuated on the night of April 8, 1865, before the final attack by the invaders.

The majority of our Confederate Forces successfully evacuated to Mobile and Fort Blakeley along a marshy wooden treadway. The treadway ran from the rear of Spanish Fort to a point on the Blakeley/Apalachee Rivers by Battery Huger.

*Ft. McDermott as the Invaders Saw It*



**Brigadier General Randall Lee Gibson, CSA**

**Commander of Spanish Fort**  
*"At one time he (the invading Union forces) established himself very close to Redoubt 2 (Ft. McDermott), and it became necessary, in order to hold this battery and use it effectively, to dislodge him. It was designed to make a general attack on his part of the line to the extreme right, and Captain Clement S. Watson, my inspector-general, led the sortie in front of the battery, and was completely successful. This party captured three times their own number of the enemy under of our artillery, and the moral effect was still more important, for it inspired our troops with a bolder and the enemy with increased caution."*

*What Our Boys Looked Like*



**A Private in Company H  
 38th Alabama Infantry, CSA  
 {One of the Defending Units at Spanish Fort}**



## *CSS Morgan – A Gunboat Defending Spanish Fort*



Our gunboats CSS Morgan and CSS Nashville assisted in the defense of Spanish Fort.

## *Alabama Confederate Monument Montgomery, Alabama*

*“We Dare Defend Our Rights”*



During the war waged by the Union on the Confederate States of America, Alabama citizens suffered losses equivalent to one quarter of the men eligible for military service. Preliminary estimates by period Alabama Governors were 35,000 deaths and 30,000 permanently disabled. This was in addition to depredations wrought on our population by invading Union forces.



## **Major General Dabney Herndon Maury, CSA** Commander of the District of the Gulf Mobile, Alabama

*“It is not too much to say that no position was ever held by Confederate troops with greater hardihood and tenacity, nor evacuated more skillfully after hope of further defense was gone.”*



## **Raphael Semmes Camp 11** Sons of Confederate Veterans [scvsemmes.org](http://scvsemmes.org)

*“Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ... whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government ... [we] ... are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States ... “  
Declaration of Independence*

## *Ft. McDermott Confederate Memorial Park*

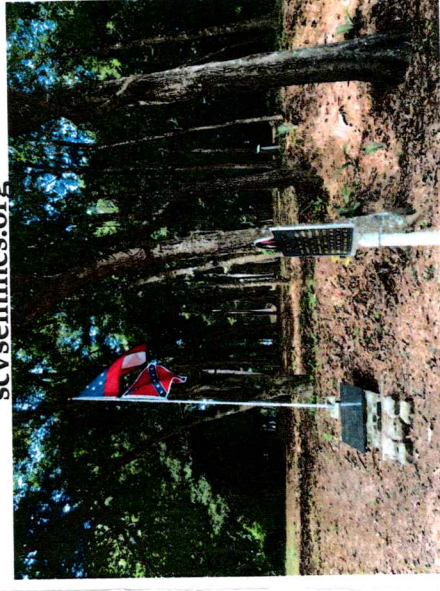
*Spanish Fort, Alabama  
Defending the Eastern Approaches to Mobile*

1865

*Located on Spanish Main Street*



**Raphael Semmes Camp 11**  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Mobile, Alabama  
[scvsemmes.org](http://scvsemmes.org)



As you proceed on the path up to the top of the Fort, to your left is a Rifle Pit and Abatis, a sharpened stake barrier to approaching invaders. This Abatis once ringed the entire Fort 50 feet in front of the Lower Parapet. Ahead of you is the Lower Parapet, known traditionally as a “ha-ha wall” because when you get there, ha-ha, there is a Moat and another Parapet.